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BETSY AND JOE. Being the Lament of Farmer Tomkins.

as a feller can be.
But then I've a daughter who's stronger, I cupied by the well-to-do widow. Con-And that is the thing that upsets me—it fills me geniality of tastes and harmony of with dire and wee;

Why, Joe he sin't good for his sait, sin. He ness comented friendship into affection, none the less firm for not being demonstrative. In their most confidential spoils good white paper by reams.
But Betsy's as sane as the keeper who looks other by their Christian names, they

arter folks what is mad; She's got solid sense, has my Betsy, the solid-est ever was had. I haven't the slightest idee, sir, just how the thing came to be so.
But Joe he had oughter been Betsy, and Betsy
she'd oughter been Joe.

Earlington, - Ky. That gal she will go to the medder, an' tosa up She'll work in the sun an the shadder as hard, dawdlin' he's really A one! But that ain't the thing for a daughter, nor that ain't the thing for a son.

An' that's why I set up u-sighin', and that's know, else

That work that was fittin' for women ain't fittin' else. I am not much in myself, sweet for men kind to do.

One, but you have all there is of me. I resort of a-twitted the lady on weakness o' am thankful you have such a friend as woman and that. And havin' the thing turned around, sir, 's the

An if there's a way in creation for changin'

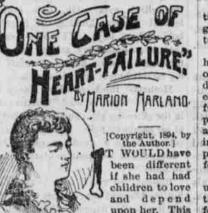
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'em I'd like to know.

So's Joe could be made into Betsy, and Betsy

able taste she shows in the selection of be made into Joe.

—John K. Bangs, in Harper's Bazar.



upon her. This life from which all worth had departed would have belonged partly to them and not been hers in fee simple to have and to hold and dispose of as she thought fit.

If her parents were still living, and she had brothers and sisters, instead of being an only child, and an orphan, there would be still another side to the question she had decided within the last hour. Blood relations might be said to have a residuary claim upon her estate, represented by her existence and affections. She had no other

wealth. The Christian's belief and hope would have offered prospective rights to one Hotel \$2.00 who endured chastening, and endured it to the end; there was a great deal about endurance in the Bible she used to read.

She smiled drearily at finding her-self using legal terms at the supreme moment of her life. Yet, wonder? For twenty years her husband's studies and habits of thought had been hers; they twain had been one soul, as one flesh. Love for him had been her religion. To doubt him would be the loss of salvation to this idolater in a Christian land. Something worse than doubt was upon her now-the certainty of ship-

wreck, of desolation, of hopeless and

irretrievable loss.

She was forty-two years old. Women who have married for love, and faithful, loving husbands, and romantic young people who scout the thought of wedding for anything except pure and undying affection, laugh in chorus at the suggestion of a love affair between two people who have sustained the conjugal relation toward one another for twenty years. Heart-break is the pre-rogative of unwedded lovers. The forsaken mistress may go mad, curse God and man, and die, and the world-even

the world of good men and women-

shudders and weeps. The very title of "wife" acts as a cold-water douche to

sentimental enthusiasm. The woman who sat in the dark library of her beautiful home, facing the lighted window of her neighbor's house, over which the Holland shade had fallen an hour ago, would have recognized this truth if she had confronted it. As it was, she neither thought of nor cared what the world

might think or say. In society Mrs. Mott was reckoned a popular woman. She was pleasing in person and address and talked well. Being happy herself, she liked to see others happy, and showed tact and skill in beinging this about, but she had only one intimate friers of her own sex, a Mrs. Holman who lived next

sweet-faced, perhaps five years her friend's junior, the mother of three children. The intimacy between the two matrons was of a dozen years'

Is the picture of dole.

I've got a weak boy for a son, sir. He's weak of the rising hack to the removal of the rising havyer and his wife into the house additions that intercourse they never called one ah-

To the Dublic :

indulged in no foolish fondlings o: wordy protestation. Once-three years ago, Mrs. Holman fusiveness to David Mott in his wife's

hearing: "I have known but one woman in all my life who met my every requisition in a friend, and that is Mrs. Mott. She suits and matches me through and

"She did not mean it for my ear, I know, else I should have told her what Joe he oughter been Betsy, and Betsy I now say to you," said Mrs. Mott aft-she oughter been Joe. erward to her husband. "Next to yourself Mrs. Holman is more to me than any other living creature. I fancy, must say I like for to listen to verses of spring sometimes, that I concentrate upon her all the love I could have given to the brothers and sisters who died before 1

"Yours has been a lonely life, my It seems to me sort of outrageous, a sort of a darling!" said the strong many taking terrible blow.

Deter on Pater and Pater in his arms and stroking back the hair from her forehead, pity and love in his deep eyes. "I wish I could make Mrs. Holman is proving herself to be. She is not a fuscinating woman to me"

> her best friend." "But you like her, David? and for her own sake?" anxionaly. "I respect her, pet, and am willing to ke her manifold excellencies for

granted, at your word. I would sooner trust your judgment than my own."

Without a suspicion of gallantry on his part, or of coquetry upon the widow's, they had become fast friends in decent, cordial fashion, the asknowl edged bond of union being the graceful woman so dear to both, who, her proud husband averred, "grew younger and handsomer as the years sped on, instead of settling down into embonpoint and elderliness as beseemed her

forty-odd summers." He had said this to her only to-night children to love upon leaving her In the luxurious sit-and depend ting-room overhead he had fatted up for her anew at Christmas time, just two months before. "Because you have never let me feel

the winters," she responded, resting on the breast that had shielded her from every unfriendly current of care. "Oh! if I could but prove to you in some way how I love! love! love you! I could die for you, David!" He had bidden her, with a moved smile that made him beautiful in her sight, "live for him instead," kissed her again and was halfway down the

"Have you anything interesting to read this evening?" he put his head in the door to ask. "You are sure you will not be lonely?" "My lovel have you forgotten that you brought me two new books yesterday? Voracious reader though I am, I could hardly have swallowed both by

stairs, when he turned and ran back.

He leaned over for still another caress. "You know that I wouldn't leave you if I could help it? It is an atrocious bore—this directors' meeting at night,

but business is business."

for twenty years not to comprehend that. Run on, now, or you'll be late. It is after eight o'clock." He left her lying back in the velvet lonnging chair he had had made expressly for her, the tea-gown he liked best-white cashmere trimmed with a fluffy pink feather border, falling to the floor. By the time he had gained the street she had arisen and gone swiftly down the staircase. The book she meant to occupy herself with until his return was in the library, she sud-

"I haven't been a busy man's wife

ness of limbs and spine that must en-sue upon a long day's shopping. Mrs. Holman had gone with her, as usual; they had held sweet counsel to-gether over their purchases, lunched in company down-town, and parted lovngly at Mrs. Mott's door.

denly recallected. She would get it before yielding to the delicious restful-

The library was dark but for the light streaming across the intervening strip of yard from the window of Mrs. Hol-man's library, which was, like the "SWEET ONE."

Right under the blazing cluster of lights stood Mrs. Holman, becomingly dressed in aliver-gray brocade, the pointed opening of the cornege display-

ing a nobly-rounded neck, white as a bearer extraordinary, and wherever he girl's. Through the clear plate glass Mrs. Mott could see that her cheeks were flushed, her lips apart in a smile of eager expectancy, her eyes fixed upon the door leading into the hall,

It opened; she made an impulsive step forward to meet a man who with dire and woe;

My Joe he and coughter been Betsy and Betsy she'd oughter been Joe.

Why Joe he acts of palebbasis acts of palebbasis at light in the bands of its present owner, who prizes it very highly.—Golden Days.

In Philadelphia. Some time ago it fell into the hands of its present owner, who prizes it very highly.—Golden Days. pressed his arm about her waist, as her into the hands of its present owner, contact, David Mott's eyes fell upon the

exposed window. His wife interpreted as truly as if she had heard the excla-mation that escaped his lips, the ges-ture of tender admonition with which he pointed to it. Then he drew down dling, has found out to his cost. In Holland shade with his own hands, looking straight across the narrow belt of darkness at the window behind which stood the woman betrayed by and bereft of lover and friend. I have said that her love for and faith in her hus band were all the religion she

consciously possessed, and that, save for the bond knotting up her life with his, she was without family ties. Yet there are women, call ed happy and fortunate and murderera." The president had by their nearest of kin, who can comprehend and palliate the act upon which Mary Mott resolved as she turned, sick and giddy, from the tell-tale window, to fall into the nearest chair. Her resolution had not wavered, an hour afterward, and the clearing brain had arranged the details. The means to the only end she had proposed to herself during that hour were within easy reach. She trod the stairs as firmly, but more slowly than when she had come down. Her sitting-room was bright and warm; there was a hint of onette scent in the air; had fastened a spray of it in David's buttonhole and received the kiss with which he never failed to thank her for

the pretty attention. She opened a cabinet and laid her hand at once upon what she sought. "Never take more than one powder

There were six powders left. She insects. emptied them all into a glass, throwemptied them all into a glass, throwing the papers that had contained them Florida)—Well, I don't know. They into the fire, added water to dissolve-them, drank the solution, rinsed the glass and restored it to its place, and went back to the chair in which her husband had left her. He found her there at eleven o'clock,

when he came in. He never stayed out late when he had left her alone. The folds of the tea gown she had put on because he liked it lay heavy and moveless upon the carpet; her hands



BHE EMPTIED THEM ALL INTO A GLASS. were folded upon the open book in her

"I was always a little afraid of that woman's heart," said the family practi-tioner to the officiating clergyman, as they talked together in social sort on the way to the cemetery. "But I was shocked that she went off so suddenly. And her husband (did you ever see a man more cut up, by the way?) assures me positively that there was no dis-turbing cause, whatsoever."

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This old timepiece has a strangu his tory. Two centuries ago an English sea captain obtained from the king of Motts', at the back of the house, in an extension thrown out from the main building. The lace curtains had been pulled back—probably by little Grace Holman, whose especial reading-nook was that window-seat and whoever had lighted the central chandeller had that a big watch would suit him exact-

went the watch-bearer followed, carrying the timepiece in his hands. When the king died his heirs suc

ceeded to the ownership of the watch. Eventually it was sold to the captain of an American ship, and he disposed of it in Philadelphia. Some time ago it fell

French judges have summary ways in cases of contempt of court, as an anarchist named Rentiere, who appealed against a sentence of six months' imprisonment passed on him for swinthe court of appeals the president asked him why he sought to have the sentence altered. The anarchist, in a clear voice, replied very deliberately:
"I have appealed solely in order to be
able to tell you this—I have spent all
my life in prison, and I consider it unjust that the innocent should suffer while on the bench of this court are seated cruel wretches (des bourreaux) the last word. His retert was: "We confir m your sentence of six months' imprisonment, and we order you to be detained further for two years for contempt of court (outrage sux magistrate)."-London Exchange.

He West Too Far Gus De Smith (to his hostess, who has just playfully sprinkled him with cologne)-Ah, Miss Emeline, I fear these few drops are futile to quench the flame of my consuming pas burning with love. Emeline-I fear I am unequal to the

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task. I will ring formy father. He will

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Burglar-That's all right. I'll just

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Wood B. Byer-Is this the horse you

hundred dollars. Didn't you mean a hundred years old and worth five dollara?-Judge. A Yawning Gulf. Fitznoodle (who has remained to an unreasonable hour Sunday night urg-ing his suit)-Then I am to understand, Miss Breezy, that you will not

Miss Breezy (aleepy, restraining a yawn)—That is it, exactly. There is a yawning gulf between us.—Texas Sift-Sarcasm of the Maid. "I came to see, Miss Sprite, if you would look more favorably upon my

suit to-day." Miss Sprite (adjusting her mis and scrutinizing him from head to foot)—Yes, sir, I do I think it looks better than the old one you were the last time you were here.—N. Y.

reman-Shall we run the portrait of Runwell, the opposition candidate? Editor—Have you a proof of the Foreman—Yes; here it is.
Editor—By all means run it; it is so poor that it will do him more harm

than an editorial.-Wag.

"How do I look?" said Dr. Kallowmell to his young wife as he exhibited his new suit. "Dressed to kill?" she exclaimed en-

thusiastically. "My dear," replied her husband,

gently, "you shouldn't talk shop."-

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be my wife?